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To Whom It May Concern:

Allow me to review the facts.

1) Microsoft has been ruled to have been in violation of the anti-trust laws. (Basically, Microsoft has a virtual anti-competitive monopoly over the PC industry).

2) Microsoft proposes that it give massive amounts of computers and software to the educational area of the PC industry. (The only portion of the industry that they do not have an iron-clad grip on).

It seems to me (a rational human being) that this course of action will not only NOT put a halt to Microsoft's illegal business practices, it will allow them to FURTHER said practices, by further saturating the market with their software.

The monetary "penalty" suggested is both laughable and negligible. Microsoft is one of the wealthiest corporations in the world - their finances are in no trouble whatsoever. They can easily absorb whatever funds would be used to distribute their PRODUCT. In fact, from a business point-of-view, the "fines" could be viewed as an investment in the future proliferation of the company's reach.

In short, I, a voting citizen of the United States, am ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED to this settlement proposed by Microsoft. I believe that it not only would undercut whatever legal actions were taken, the mere fact that it was offered is (I believe) a complete insult - a very revealing glimpse into just how much CONTEMPT the Microsoft corporation has for the United States' Legal System.

I thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion on the subject, and I pray the correct decision will be made - the choice that upholds the integrity of the United States' Judicial Branch, and not the option that FURTHER destroys the solid foundations that the courts were built on.

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